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SUBJ: SHIPMENT OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

1. FOURTEEN CASES OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT ARRIVED AT LATTIKIA UNDER TURKISH CARGO LINES BILL OF LADING #7 DATED 10/7/75 ON THE GENERAL A.F. CEBESOY OUT OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. THE BILL OF LADING DESCRIBES THE CONTENTS OF THE FOURTEEN CASES AS TELETYPE EQUIPMENT. ATTACHED TO BILL OF LADING IS A SHEET LABELED "PACKING LIST FOR DAMASCUS, SYRIA, CN-3000 ORIGINATING IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AUGUST 13, 1975" INDICATING THAT THE 14 CASES CONTAIN MISCELLANEOUS TELETYPE INSTALLATION EQUIPMENT VALUED AT $6,000.

2. SARG INSISTS ON INSPECTING ALL RADIO AND TELETYPE EQUIPMENT IMPORTED TO SYRIA. BECAUSE BILL OF LADING IDENTIFIED SHIPMENT AS TELETYPE EQUIPMENT, SARG AUTHORITIES ARE INSISTING THAT ALL CASES MUST BE OPENED FOR INSPECTION PRIOR TO CLEARANCE. PLEASE PROVIDE BY CABLE A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENTS OF EACH OF THE 14 CASES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IF ANY OF THE BOXES CONTAIN RADIO EQUIPMENT THAT CLEARANCE MAY BE REFUSED.

3. SARG IS VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT RADIOS AND TELETYPE EQUIPMENT. THEREFORE, BEFORE ANY EQUIPMENT OF
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THIS TYPE IS SENT TO DAMASCUS IT IS REQUESTED THAT

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THE POST BE ASKED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE SHIPPED AND IDENTIFIED ON SHIPPING DOCUMENTS. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT ANY RADIO TRANSMITTERS AND/OR RECEIVERS AND SOPHISTICATED TELETYPE EQUIPMENT BE SHIPPED TO THE POST BY POUCH IN ORDER TO AVOID HASSLES WITH LOCAL CUSTOMS.
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